

Funding Opportunities: 14th March 2024

1. Clinical Research Fellowship (Irish Cancer Society)

Purpose: Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors (NCHDs) to develop cancer research experience. This is intended to be a transformative investment for a clinician who has already demonstrated that they are passionate about undertaking active, patient-focused cancer research, but needs the extra support to enable them to accelerate their trajectory to leading and directing research based in Ireland. Funding can be used for a variety of research activities, e.g. salary, running costs associated with a specific research project(s), training and dissemination costs, PPI costs, M.D. or Ph.D. fees etc.

Total funding available: Max. €100,000.

Funding period: 18 – 48 months.

Applications: Irish Cancer Society Grant Tracker online system.

Further information available [here](#). Contact point in the Society: grants@irishcancer.ie, FAO Dr Niamh McCabe.

Deadline: Tuesday 16th April 2024 @3pm.

2. All-Ireland NCI Cancer Consortium (AICC) – Research & Innovation Grant Scheme 2024 (HRB)

This is a pilot scheme with a dedicated funding stream to prime cancer research activity across the 3 key AICC priority areas:

- a. Cancer Care Delivery and Survivorship
- b. Clinical Research and Trials
- c. Genomic and Precision Medicine

Details: The AICC award is intended as a strategic and focused investment and must demonstrate added-value above and beyond any research activities, collaboration or networking that is currently taking place. The applications must focus their activities to align with one of the three priority areas and to the HRB's strategic remit and to one or both jurisdictions' cancer strategies.

Two-tier scheme:

Tier one: Designed for smaller scale applications which involve pilot projects or mapping activities (duration up to 2 years), funding (excl. overhead) max. €100,000.

Tier two: Designed for specific, targeted projects or potential training initiatives (duration up to 3 years), funding (excl. overhead) max. €330,000.

2-stage Application Process:

Stage 1: Expression of Interest (Pre-Application) - **Deadline: 26th April 2024 @ 1pm**

Stage 2: Full application (by invitation only) – **Deadline: 2nd August 2024 @ 1pm**

More info [here](#)

An information webinar took place on the 12th March and was recorded. The recording including an FAQ document clarifying the requirements for NCI collaborators will be uploaded on the website (take link for more info) shortly. For any further questions please contact Gavin Lawler glawler@hrb.ie or Chiara Mizzoni CMizzoni@hrb.ie.

3. US-Ireland Research and Development Partnership Programme (HRB)

The Partnership Programme aims to generate discoveries and innovations which will lead to **enhancements in health, disease prevention and healthcare.**

Applicants: The application must have a minimum of one applicant from each of the three jurisdictions; however, significant participation by researchers in all jurisdictions must be demonstrated in the application.

Process:

- Intention to submit: **Rolling call with 10 weeks in advance of the full proposal deadline at NIH.**
- Almost final full application: **Six weeks in advance of the relevant NIH deadline.**

More info [here](#).

4. Transforming Health and Care Systems (HRB) European partnership

Purpose: Support the implementation of innovative person-centred health and care models addressing prevention strategies, with the key help of **existing** IT and digital technologies and services, as well as existing and emerging data. The ultimate goal is to improve health and care system dimensions such as quality, efficiency, equity, and sustainability. Proposals need to assess practical implementation needs and challenges, such as barriers concerning resources, quantification of benefits and utility, sustainability issues, stakeholder engagement, geographical limitations, equity of access, and inequalities, with a view to supporting the uptake of those models that more effectively help address successful prevention strategies.

More Info [here](#)

Detailed Funding Call document <https://www.thcspartnership.eu/kdocs/2127845/thcs-itc-2024-call-text-v1.2.pdf>

Mandatory Intent to Apply (template): Deadline **16th April @1pm Irish time.**

Proposal Submission deadline: 14th May 2024 @1pm Irish time

5. Cancer Mission Work Programme with 6 new topics

The European Commission is organising EU Missions information days on 25 and 26 April, open to all stakeholders, [see the programme here](#) (see 'Day 2' tab for the Cancer Mission which will be covered on **April 26th, 08.30 – 10.30 CET** (7.30am Irish time - not a very convenient time, but might be recorded).

Background: There will be €123.5 million available in the new Horizon Europe Cancer Mission Work Programme 2024 to help combat cancer through better understanding, cancer prevention, diagnostics and treatment and improving the quality of life of childhood cancer patients, survivors, and their families. During this session you will find out more about the **6 new topics in the Cancer Mission Work Programme for 2024** and you will have an opportunity to ask questions through Slido. The latest updates on the EU Mission on Cancer will also be presented.

6. Cancer Research Network Award (Irish Cancer Society)

Purpose: To contribute towards the cost of **developing and hosting networking initiatives, training activities, collaborations, partnerships, or another type of networking activity** (e.g., host a workshop/conference). The Society is open to all networking initiatives that satisfy the purpose and objectives of the call.

More info: [here](#)

Funding: max €2,000 (only one application/ applicant)

Application process: Irish Cancer Society [Gateway Grant Tracker](#) online system

Deadline: Wednesday 5th June 2024 @3pm

Further funding opportunities previously highlighted:

- **IHI call 7 Topic 3:** Clinical validation of biomarkers for diagnosis, monitoring disease progression and treatment response. This is a single stage call.
Deadline for full proposals: **22 May 2024 at 17:00 Brussels time.** Call web page: <https://europa.eu/!64yx8Y>
Find out more: All topic texts, call documentation (including a comprehensive [guide for applicants](#)), details of how to apply and guidance on how to [find project partners](#) can be found on the [IHI website](#).
Info sessions and networking: The IHI Call Days for call 7 are running from 10 January to 25 January 2024 inclusive. They include info sessions on the topics, our rules & procedures, and preparing the financial parts of the proposal, as well as pitching sessions on the topics. Participants can also use the Call Days website to identify and meet potential project partners. The recordings of these info sessions are also available online. Find out more: <https://europa.eu/!RTJc7m>
Why apply? IHI calls for proposals represent an excellent opportunity for researchers to take part in **ground-breaking cross-sector collaborative projects** that aim to deliver tangible **benefits for patients**. Scientists from

academia, diverse industry sectors, SMEs, mid-sized companies, hospitals and patients' organisations are encouraged to get involved in our projects.

Questions? E-mail applicants@ihi.europa.eu

- **Gateway for Cancer Research:** [GFCR All Grant Programs - v12.2023 - \(smapply.org\)](#)
Rough remit: Core grants fund early phase clinical trials (I and II) for cancers of all types at renowned institutions around the world. These grants are typically 2-5 years in duration with award amounts from \$200,000 to \$1.5 million. (US\$)
Timeline: Deadline: Apr 18 2024 12:00 PM (CDT)
- **HRB Applied Partnership Awards (APA):** APAs are designed to bring knowledge users and researchers together to develop research projects that address a specific need within the Irish health system and in which researchers and knowledge users come together to advance timely and relevant research and optimise knowledge translation into policy and practice. The APA award requires a joint application encompassing both researchers and knowledge users. The outcome of the research should have a direct impact on decision-making in the knowledge user organisation. The award will be for between **12 and 24 months**. A **minimum co-funding commitment of 20%** of the total award amount requested from the HRB must be provided by the knowledge user organisation.
More info can be found [here](#)
Deadlines: 10th April 2024 and 18th December 2024